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Reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing proposed amendments as well as the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the present application, claim 9 has been cancelled hereby without prejudice, and claims 1 and 3-8 remain pending.

In the Office Action dated July 6, 2007, the Examiner **(1)** rejected claim 9 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Pub. No. 2004/0103230 to Emerson et al., (the "Emerson reference") in view of US Pub. No. 2002/0174252 to Hayter et al. (the "Hayter reference"); and **(2)** found allowable subject matter relative to claims 1 and 3-8.

In response to item **(1)** and **(2)** above, Applicant(s) respectfully express appreciation for the finding of allowable subject matter relative to pending claims 1 and 3-8, and in view thereof, earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance as the case is believed to be condition for Issuance.

Respectfully submitted,



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